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Hustle.  
Don't be a loafer.  
Get Busy—Get Money—Buy Homes.

A candidate for the Missouri General Assembly offers as a pre-election promise that he will introduce a bill providing for an "open season" on Negro chauffeurs.

Instead of so much preaching about hell fire and unquenchable lakes of brimstone, the Negro pulpits ought to take up more of the problems this side and teach more concerning the practical issues of living. The subject of race pride and race loyalty offers a field for nearest and easiest study. Special sermons should be directed upon this subject frequently. Just now it is of far more importance than all pre-fulgure lore combined. We need race economics more than we need theology. The lack of loyalty and selfishness among our people is our zero asset and to the close observer it seems to be growing. The press is doing its duty but it cannot do all.

The meeting at Allen Chapel last Sunday in the interests of the Federation of Negro Charities, while not largely attended, was very interesting to those who attended. The fact that some of the most influential white citizens were present and offered such enthusiastic and generous co-operation in the campaign now on to finance these charities, shows that our people have before them a fine opportunity if they will only improve it. Friends always rise up to help us if we get together and work together. We had just as well support our charities systematically as other charities are supported, and every member of the race should be willing to bear his proportionate part of the responsibility.

President Wilson promised the Negro Democrats at the time of his election that he would fill all the offices held by black Republicans with black Democrats. Then came on some big administration measures in congress and in order to line up the Tillman-Vardaman faction he had to fill many of these offices with Hy-Whites. The list of offices of course narrowed down rapidly and the hungry Negro Democrats grew paler and paler. Bishop Walters just looked on in amazement and lost the power of speech. The other day a white Jeffersonian called upon the President to ask that a Hy be appointed to the office of recorder of deeds, the place being held by "Link" Johnson. Bishop Walters reminded the President that the recordership is the last plum and "to gawd nake" don't take it away. The prayer was heard, but was answered by the slating of Cooley of New Jersey, who is an enemy of Walters and leader of a rival faction of the black recruits.

The next biennial meeting of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs will be held August 4, 5, 6 and 7 at Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio. Representatives from all of the various organizations affiliated in any way with the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will be represented. A program is being formulated which will show the work that has been done by the various organizations under the direction of the state presidents and department organizations.

Many of the ablest women of the race are planning to be present at the coming meeting and to speak, including Miss Anna M. Jones of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. B. K. Druce of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Mary Talbert of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Geo. Cook of Washington, D. C.

**MY LOVE.**  
Thou art more fair than a rose,  
Perpetually blending its delicate hues  
Thou remindest me in thy sweet repose  
Of dulcet music of an enchanting muse.

The time when sweet solitude abides,  
When undisturbed by discordant sound;  
When peace steals o'er and softly glides  
Its sweet influence encircling 'round.

Then, I love to dream of you,  
Dream of that love which engulfs my soul;  
Blesses like the plant is blessed with dew,  
Or the lonely heart by a sweet carol.

Do I contemplate a dark thought,  
It is no sooner born  
Than thy angelic face proves a soothing draught,  
Disperses all, wishing in the morn.

—Chas. A. Starks.

**MASONIC.**  
We would like to see some of the Kansas City lodges try the Wilkerson Lodge plan of collecting dues by placing the Secretary in the ante-room and collecting from the brethren as they enter for work. An assistant could take the proceedings of the lodge transactions in the meantime and much in the way of lectures and other esoteric practice could be gone through as well. After all the members have entered the room the Secretary comes in and reads his report of dues received, turning the money over to the Treasurer. This plan is so sensible that it seems a shortcoming to overlook its advantages. More members would attend the meetings and the sessions being short and interesting, everybody would go away "satisfied."

HERRIFORD.

## TWO FACTS.

(By W. E. Griffin.)  
To the Negro who has lived in Kansas City for a period of twenty or more years, Two Facts stand out with conspicuous prominence. The first fact: During the past twenty-five years the material and educational progress of the Negroes of Kansas City has been wonderful. The second fact: During the same period race prejudice towards Negroes has increased in this city probably two or three hundred per cent. Is this a mere coincidence, or is there a vital and workable connection between the two facts? May we deduce a law and say that race prejudice towards Negroes varies directly with the Negro's material and intellectual advancement? It would seem so. Dr. Grimske has already pointed out that the friction between the two races is as much the result of an upward pressure on the part of the Negro as downward pressure by the whites. The Negro resists, he struggles constantly towards higher levels and that occasions increased friction.

There can be no doubting that the Negro toward whom the shafts of racial hatred are most certainly and persistently leveled. The Negro has been assigned a position at the very bottom of the social and economic life, and if he were contented to remain there he would not be subjected to the abuse he receives at the hands of the professional race-haters. When a Negro makes an effort to climb in any degree from the bottom of the economic scale it is said that he is "trying" to get away from his race—"which means only that he is trying to better his economic and social condition. Race prejudice in the United States is almost wholly an economic question. The white people themselves have been unable to bring this fact to clear consciousness. When they denounce "social equality" they unwittingly mean economic equality. No white man ever knows what he means by "social equality"—in fact the expression does not mean anything. It serves its purpose, however, in engendering class hatred and bitterness, and senses vividly that terrifying war which white men feel when they see Negroes improving their economic status. The great middle class of white people are by no means convinced of the Negro's inferiority. In fact they are keenly alive to the fact that Negroes cannot be held down and in that they sense grave danger to themselves. If the Negroes were really an inferior people there would be no need of Tillmans and Vardamans and if white men hopelessly outclassed Negroes in mentality and aggressiveness there would be no need of constant watchfulness, agitation and legislation to keep the Negro at the bottom of the economic scale.

So we see that although the doctrine of Negro inferiority is freely preached it is not really believed and the increasing prejudice towards Negroes has back of it economic self-preservation—it senses the white man's fear of the competition of the black man's brain and brawn. Thus is explained the intimate connection of the Two Facts mentioned at the beginning of this article.

## MASONIC.

On next Wednesday an important meeting is to be held at the office of the Kansas City Sun. Delegates from each of the large Negro fraternities are to confer upon a uniform and make plan for operating the Madsomont features of secret societies.

The main objects are to maintain a safe position in the community, to make such scales of dues and schedules of benefits as will conform more closely to common business sense than those which are now in vogue. Through a sort of rivalry each order is at present trying to outdo the other in generous promises and unless the spirit is checked there will soon be nothing but promises left. On account of the high death rate among our people and the carelessness with which members are received into the various subordinate branches the promised benefits are all out of proportion to the dues charged and of course the obligations cannot be met.

If all the societies agree upon the same scale schedule it will go away with uncharitable and senseless rivalry—better protect the societies and better safeguard the interests of the members. Grand Master Crews, Chief Grand Mentor Chalm. Grand Master Easton and Grand Chancellor Lloyd have all agreed to be present and lend their assistance to the meeting. They have appointed. The meeting will be open to all who are interested.

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## College Girls Independent.

An unusually large percentage of the young women of Oberlin college are dependent either entirely or in part upon their own resources for their college education. A recent questionnaire answered by 325 women in the College of Arts and Sciences reveals some interesting facts. Of 80 women practically self-supporting seven are working for all of their room and board; 37 of the 80 have borrowed money; 36 of the 80 are earning money while studying; 67 are using or have used money earned and saved. The industries reported are: School teaching, 40; housework, 18; office work, 11; canvassing, ten; tutoring, eight; nursemaid, seven; miscellaneous work, as companion, music teacher, artist, clerk, market gardener, library assistant, post office assistant, playground assistant and seamstress.

## What It Costs to Be Artistic.

It isn't wealthy men who are idle, but wealth itself, which is permanently loafing. Every year hundreds of millions of cash go into retirement for all time. One battleship lays on the shelf \$15,000,000 of good money and it stays there. Germany's extra army measures for a year cost \$250,000 out of business for good. New York City's debt is increasing at the rate of \$65,000,000 a year. Nearly all of that money is expended upon non-productive work. Monuments, boulevards and works of art, such as \$500,000 in pictures, each year cost the world about as much as the world digs gold out of the earth. These are idlers who never earn any direct interest on the investment. America's wheat crop for one year isn't half big enough to compensate for the wealth that will be poured into nonproductive works. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## Not the Same.

"The late Cy Warman, novelist and author of the immortal 'Sweet Marie,'" said a Chicago editor, "always insisted that poetry ought to follow the same rules as prose. He wouldn't stand for poetical inversions—the adjective after the noun, the object before the verb, and so forth. 'But what difference do these inversions make, Cy?' asked a reporter once. 'All the difference in the world,' Cy Warner answered. 'Did you never hear of the minister's wife whose son eloped from college? The old lady wasn't much displeased, though—after all, she said, her new daughter-in-law was, she understood, a model young girl. 'A model young girl' thundered the old minister. 'Non-sense, wife! She's a young girl model!'"

## That Whiff of Violets.

"My! what a flowery whiff! That handkerchief must have been literally steeped in violets," exclaimed one girl to another who had just shaken out from its folds a fragrant square of linen. "Not steeped in violets, my dear," was the answer, "but boiled in orris water. The effect is the same. On washing days I supply the washer-woman with a good-sized piece of orris root, and she throws it into the water where my handkerchiefs are boiling. When they come up from ironing they are as redolent of orris as can be. Then I slip them between the folds of a sachet filled with violet powder, and they never lose their fragrance. Violet and orris scent together make a real violet odor."

## Bluecoats Rescue Kitten.

A report was telephoned to the West One Hundred and Sixty-second street police station by Mrs. Emanuel Levy of 7 Hamilton place that some one had fallen into a culvert opposite her home. Patrolman Nisand and two other policemen were hurried to the place. When they looked into the sewer they saw a kitten swimming about in the water ten feet below the street level. It had fallen through a four-inch opening while chasing a ball. The patrolman spent half an hour fishing for the kitten with a rake. When they finally got it to the sidewalk it ran between the patrolman's legs and disappeared around the corner. —New York Times.

## Boit Moves Shaving Brush.

During a thunder shower at Vineland, N. J., a ball of fire out curious capers in the home of Louis Castellana, on Grant avenue. Five children were seated around the table when the lightning ripped open the tablecloth in several places, cut the linoleum on the floor in several places, stung the hair of one child which was on the floor, changed the talcum powder from the box to the shaving mug on the shelf, and put the shaving brush into the talcum powder box. The framework of the kitchen was splintered in several places, but none of the family felt the slightest shock.

## Betty & Sam's Little Corner



## THEY SAY

—That the old family skeleton will come out of its closet now and then.

—That a certain husband has come to investigate the many trips his wife is making from Chicago.

—That a happy couple married last May are the "proud" parents of a bouncing girl. Fast world.

—That \$100,000 has been saved to build an unblemished neighborhood! Who is truthful enough to enter first?

—That Jack Johnson is all in, but do you know any white "hope" who wants to find out by contact?

—That if you can't get praise from others, put yourself on the top shelf and hold on, even if you do get dusty—it will work.

—That there are enough little tough "bats" on the streets of Kansas City alone to fill up the Reform School for Negro Girls when it is completed.

—That a well known Negro stood for twenty minutes gazing in the Eagle Market windows trying to decide whether to buy a watermelon or a chicken—and finally took them both.



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## As to the Man "Self-Made."

A pathologist of standing inveighs against the "self-made man" in terms that will be surprising to many. "The self-made man," he says, "is often in the process of degeneration, and the first evidence of degeneracy in a family is the selfishness and meanness or the cunning, avarice and meanness of the man. The self-made man succeeds in amassing a fortune for his still more degenerate children to spend in gratifying their selfish desires." There is another side to the matter, and Thoreau saw it when he said that the man who had acquired wealth would insist on having his sons educated, and thus he would become the real founder of a family. —Springfield Republican.

## The Deciding Voice.

In a business men's club in a western town there sprang up two factions, one which criticized the steward because he did not provide the members with good meals, and one which defended him hotly. The dispute got fiercer and fiercer. Half the club wanted to fire the steward at once. The other half said he was efficient. Then, without warning, the steward decided the momentous question. One day at lunch time a member of the club asked the waiter: "Where's the steward?" "He ain't here," replied the waiter. "He said he was going down the street to get something good to eat." —The Popular Magazine.

## For Bad Burns.

Don't thrust a burned foot or hand into cold water. It relieves for a moment, only to be followed by an increase of pain, peeling off of the cuticle, and very frequently by ulceration of the wound. Don't tie up in a dry cloth; all woven material is porous and admits air. Don't drag off the hanging skin. Your object when called upon to treat a burn is at once to exclude air. For this purpose nothing is better than oil of some sort. Paraffin is not a bad thing, or vaseline, or common olive oil, or lard and butter, if both be entirely without salt. —First Aid for Everyday Accidents.

## Appreciation of Reporters.

I have always had great sympathy for newspaper reporters; a class of men generally about equally feared and criticized. During a large part of my life since my graduation I have been brought in constant contact with the men of this profession. Only on rare occasions have I suffered at their hands serious injustice, due either to deliberate intent or to gross misunderstanding. I have generally found them courteous and considerate, honestly desirous of getting the truth and reporting it accurately. —Lyman Abbott in the Outlook.

## Sleep-Walkers.

Many years ago an archbishop of Bordeaux attended the case of a young ecclesiastic who was in the habit of getting up during the night in a state of somnambulism, and, taking pen, ink and paper, composing and writing his sermons. When he finished one page he would read and correct it. In order to ascertain whether the somnambulist made use of his eyes the archbishop held a piece of pasteboard under his chin to prevent his seeing the paper upon which he was writing, but he continued to write on without being in the least inconvenienced. It is related of Negretti, a sleep-walker, that he would sometimes carry a lighted candle, as if to give him light in his employment, but on a bottle being substituted he took it and carried it without apparently noticing the difference.

## Trouble With a Rooster.

A Lewiston (Me.) rooster distinguished itself the other day. It was on exhibition in a shop window, the somehow escaped. It fled across the street into a cigar store, upset a box of cigars on the counter and then flew up on the shelves, knocking down a lot of pipes and boxes. Being chased out, it went down the street squawking wildly and took refuge in a store where four men were playing cards and clucked around like a wild bird eagle until chased out with a broom. The alarmed fowl next took an aerial flight to another store where there were several live lobsters in the window. One of them closed on the leg of the rooster and held on until the owner of the bird arrived and reclaimed him.

## Patient Creditor.

"You all time growlin' 'bout 'de devil ter pay,'" said Brother Williams. "In der name er goodness an' hos sense why don't you pay him an' call it quits? Wouldn't dat be much better'n waitin' ter have a full settlement hereafter? When dat time comes he'll han' you yo' change in brimstone what'll burn yo' pocket mo'n what yo' money does now. 'Pears ter me dat's wuth studyin' 'bout. De devil is de only creditor I knows on what's willin' ter wait a lifetime, but it's only de fool what takes advantage of his willin'ness. You better write dat on de wall an' de devil's what ain't got no cracks in it!" —F. L. Stanton, in the Atlanta Constitution.

## Safety First Pay Envelopes.

For safety ideas the pay envelope offers a medium that is not easily overlooked. Repeated suggestions to "be careful" insisted on from week to week in different words, can not fail in their mission of education. Realizing this, the United Gas Improvement company of Philadelphia, Pa., in line with its other endeavors toward accident prevention, prints rubber stamp safety suggestions on its pay envelopes. Among the admonitions given in this way are "Safety always," "Every effort toward safety helps," "Are you guarding the danger points?" "Carelessness is dangerous," "Safety preserves life and happiness," and "Safety first, last and all the time."

## Getting Rid of Toll.

We all know something of labor-saving machinery in a vague way, but we are not likely to have any idea of the countless, scientific, wide-reaching improvement that goes on in these devices. Magnet cranes that will pick up and carry five tons of loose scrap iron; one-man coal handling bridges that will unload 500 tons of coal in an hour so that you can see the ship rise in the water; lathes in which ten tools cut into two pieces of steel at one time and one man runs two such machines—these are only three of the new weapons we are now using to conquer the world of things. What are we going to do with it? —Collier's Weekly.

## Bees Made a New Potato.

The busy little bee is responsible for a new variety of Spokane county potato, according to Henry K. Bradley. The new tuber has been named the "Bradley" potato, in view of the fact that it was developed on his farm. The potato is a cross between the Burbank and Million Dollar variety, he says. The origin was accidental. The credit must go to the bees, which carried the pollen from the blossom of one and deposited it in the blossom of the other. —Spokane (Wash.) Dispatch to New York World.

## Webster's Reply to Hayne.

Mr. Webster's famous reply to Robert J. Hayne may be found in any complete edition of Webster's works. Drop in at the nearest public library branch, ask for Webster's speeches, and you will be sure to find the great "reply" you are looking for. It is an error, however, to call Hayne a "small man." He was a very able man; and had not Mr. Webster so recognized him it is certain that he would never have gone after him; for the Massachusetts giant never troubled himself about small game.

## Solid Alcohol as Fuel.

In Germany, and to a smaller extent in America, cubes of solid alcohol are used for cooking and for heating curling irons. It is so much more convenient to put in pills or metal containers than in liquid form, because it can be used thus on metal or asbestos without a burner, and gives out a certain uniform heat. Some of these cubes are made of 60 per cent alcohol, worked up in a solid mass. Mixed with collodion the solid alcohol is more cleanly, but rather expensive. The cheapest and most useful cube is made of sawdust soaked in alcohol and mixed with tar.

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